

*Memorandum for:* EWP

Upon hearing that you were taking the input-output scanner (raster plotter) out of our FY 75 budget, I consulted with [REDACTED] and asked him to develop the results of our discussion in a memorandum for the record. It is attached along with an earlier memo on the subject that may provide useful background.

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In short, we view this as an essential piece of hardware, especially to service the new collection system. We can live without it for a while, but the development of the state of the art, the lead time essential for acquisition (perhaps a year) and for gaining experience with the equipment, and the beginning of the arrival of the new data all must be considered. We'd like to feel that we have the option of opening the item for favorable consideration when the timing elements seem to indicate that the time has come.....

Director, [REDACTED]

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cc: DDI Planning Officer